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# *A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE*

Penny Guthrie, director of advancement and engagement at Edison School of Arts, IPS 47, sorts donations of games, toys and food after school Friday. Guthrie called this week "an emotional roller coaster." PHOTOS BY MICHELLE PEMBERTON/INDYSTAR

## Anonymous donor's $15K and more save school's holiday drive

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Christmas won't be canceled at Edison School of the Arts, IPS 47, this year after all.

What had been a long and discouraging day at the near-Downtown magnet school earlier this week has turned into a Christmas miracle, thanks to the generous hearts of Indianapolis residents.

United Way of Central Indiana had informed school administrators Wednesday that its United Christmas Service program was coming up short on donations and might not be able to assist all of the families at the school that had been approved for holiday vouchers.

After the initial shock, school staff took matters into their own hands, hustling to raise money and toys to fill the need, with help from marketing and design firm The Bindy Agency. Company officials dubbed their effort "Indy Christmas Rescue."

"We as a community cannot let our children down," said co-owner Sarah

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Toys are stacked high in the library on Friday after a last-minute push resulted in about $20,000 in donations, plus toys and food, for children. It was feared that United Way's United Christmas Service program would come up short.

# Hospital plans newborn center

## $142 million facility to hold state's largest NICU

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Riley Children's Health announced it will move ahead with plans to build a $142 million maternity and newborn health center.

The hospital's board approved plans for the new center, which will centralize all inpatient childbirth and newborn care offered at three downtown Indiana University Health hospitals.

Once completed in 2020, Riley Hospital for Children will house the largest neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in Indiana.

Four floors of Riley Hospital will be renovated to house a labor and delivery unit, a 45-bed Level 3 neonatal intensive care unit and a postpartum unit.

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# Tax reform plan gains supporters

As Republicans in the House and Senate hammered out the final details of legislation they say will overhaul the nation's tax code to help the American people, the bill's odds of passage in the Senate appeared strong.

Sens. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who had both expressed displeasure with the tax bill, changed their tunes Friday and said they planned to vote for the measure.

The GOP's 52-seat Senate majority leaves little room for error, and Arizona's Jeff Flake and Maine's Susan Collins are undecided, but Vice President Mike Pence could cast the tiebreaking vote. But Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Thad Cochran, R-Miss., are facing medical problems that have caused them to miss votes this week.

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